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Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of the disclosure, it is respectfully
submitted that in the corresponding German application the following art was
cited:

DE 37 42 098

WO 86/01660

The patent document DE 3742098 discloses a method and a
device for compressing and reconstruction of data of a data sequence
indicated and reproducible on an indicating medium, for example a magnetic
band. Similar, successive data are compressed, while uncompressed data

are received in the data sequence unchanged, and an information is written through a reproducible data together with the number of the reproductions in the data sequence. A specific storage region for compressed data and for a status whether the corresponding data are compressed or uncompressed is not provided. Moreover, the reference discloses the compression of only frequently occurring data, while they are placed not in their data word but instead correspondingly an additional coding to be stored is provided on the magnetic band. The new features of the present invention are not disclosed in this reference and can not be derived from it, since the reference describes a completely different compression process, which substantially corresponds to U.S. patent no. 4,872,009.

The patent document WO86/01660 discloses, in particular in Figure 17 and in the associated description a storage device for data. In an information data region 212 a first data to be transmitted through the data input is inputted into a buffer storage 210. The buffer storage 210 includes, in addition to the information data region, also a control data region and serves for intermediate storage of data transmitted through the serial data input 11. If with a next data a coincidence with the previously transmitted data is determined, than a counter in the control data region increases by 1. If a further, transmitting data coincide with a data stored in the information

data storage, then the content of the buffer storage is transmitted to the storage 6. Thereby however with the compression and not with the final storage, a storage region is provided, in which a counter is guided through the number of the same elements. There is however no data element, in which it is stored whether the several, stored data elements are stored compressed or uncompressed as in the applicant's invention. Then, only for a corresponding data during the compression is counted, which often is repeated. The inventive first data element informs directly through a number of data elements stored in the second storage region. It is therefore believed that this reference does not teach the new features of the present invention.

The list of the references is submitted herewith. Also, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

The fee is submitted, and if it is not enclosed or insufficient, it is respectfully requested to charge to the account of the undersigned 19-4675.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sharp, diagonal strokes followed by a long, horizontal flourish.

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